Vera Personal And Social Happenings

Vera, Oct. 9.- Mrs. Maude Abbitt and Ebelyn Chernault spent the week-end with Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris and family, of Chestnut Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jennings, of Darling on Heights, were guests Sunday of Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Covington spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman.

Miss Edna Chernault spent last week as Appomatoxx.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Robertson spent Sunday with Mrs. D N Robertson.

Miss Daisy Robertson, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Virginia Carter spent Tuesday night with Evelyn Chernault.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Garrett motored to Vera, Friends are glad to have them in the community.

Mrs. Sadie Covington, of Vinton, spent Saturday night with Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Evergreen Personals

Evergreen, Oct. 8.- "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble." My neighbor's troubles seem never to cease. Only the other day, as he was picking apples, he fell from the step-ladder on which he was standing and broke one or more of his ribs and had to have his body strapped in order that his broken rib might knit together again. But his troubles were not yet over. Later, as he was cranking his neighbor's car, in some manner the crank came in violent contact with his forehead, bringing numerous stars into his line of vision.

Phyllis Harvey visited Mrs. J. P. Ings, at Pamplin, Saturday.

Nathan Wooldridge, who has been sick for some time, was some what better yesterday.

Mrs. John Daniel Jennings spent a week at Christiansburg.

Mrs. S. J. Jennings visited in Roanoke and Salem recently.

We have just heard that two young men of this section, who have only recently completed a period of service in the U. S. Navy, have been recalled.

Some of the week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Hunter Glenn were Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Ingo, Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, and Mrs John Farrar, of Roanoke, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lumm and children, of Petersburg, and Miss Mabian Lee, of Lynchburg. Also J. Bernard Glenn, of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. J Dan Jennings visited the Farmville fair Saturday evening.

Rev. C. A. Collins Jr. and Rev G A Chockley went to Brookneal on Monday to attend the pastors' conference of the Appomattox Baptist Association.

Mrs. H. C. Staples is in Lynchburg attending the womens' meeting at the Court Streeh Methodist church.

It is raining today, just enough to prevent the making of sorghum syrup, begun yesterday.

Only one more week and then the Registration for the draft. The pity of it is that universal military training had not been inaugurated at least 5 years ago, so that all young men available for military service would now be ready for immediate induction into the Service.

Ebergreen, Oct. 8.- Mrs. Jimmie Evans and daughter, Doris and Miss Blanch Evans and Jack Hodge have Sunday guests of Mrs. Gunter of near Oakville.

Mrs. Lizzie Hodge has returned home after spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Annie Warriner.

Mrs. Sam White and daughter, Peggy, who have been visiting her parents, for a week, returned to her home in Lynchburg last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Evans and daughter, of Appomattox, were supper guests of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Evans Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gibson and three sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Warriner.

Mrs. C. B. Simmons continues sick.

Pituitary Extract Dangerous

In a report on paralysis in children resulting from injury of the brain at birth, Dr. George J. Garceau and Dr. George W. Gustafson of Indianapolis told the section of obstetrics and gynecology that in 13 per cent of 185 cases they investigated the paralysis and brain injury were caused by the use of pituitary extract to hasten labor. "Unfortunately, pituitrin is too widely used for induction and augmentation of labor, in spite of continuous warning from obstetric teachers," they said.

In contrast to other reports, their paper declared that anesthesia and pain-deadening drugs played little part in causing the injuries. Labor was short in the greatest number of mothers, they reported, and there is an increased tendency to injure the brain when the birth process lasts less than 12 hours. Eighty-three of the infants were delivered spontaneously, they reported, indicating that normal forces of labor may be responsible for the injuries, which in some instances might not be preventable. Many more boys than girls were injured because of their larger size at birth.

Knowledge Is Effective Weapon Against Cancer

Knowledge is the most effective weapon against the disease of cancer, Dr. I. Millan of Mexico City, writes, in an article in Sintesis, and ignorance and isolated facts about the dreaded disease confirm in the public mind certain superstitions that have no reason for existing.

The most common fallacies regarding cancer are that no one knows what causes it, the doctor states. "But we do know what cancer is, and we also know what causes the development of certain forms," Dr. Millan says.

Cancer is a term used to designate a large number of afflictions whose common characteristic is the growth of unlimited cells that perform no useful function to the rest of the organism. In almost all of the known cancerous conditions, the direct cause has been a prolonged irritation.

The disease can be caused by defective or decayed teeth and cancer of the lips is frequently found in people who smoke pipes or cigarettes. Persons who handle dyes or chemically treated lubricating greases and farm laborers frequently develop cancer.

Medical science, according to Dr. Millan, has bursted the fallacy that cancer is contagious. It is possible to avoid cancer by removing the cause of irritation, and second, if cancer develops in a definite locality, it is not difficult to remove the growth by surgery.

'Jay Walkers' Are Not Same as 'Jayhawkers'

Jayhawkers and jay walkers are not synonymous terms. There is not, in fact, the remotest association, even of ideas, in their etymology. The term "Jayhawker" attained widespread recognition during the controversy over the admission of Kansas to the Union, begun in 1854. It was applied by Kansans to those who advocated that Kansas be admitted as a free state and who aroused the antagonism of the proslavery group. Prior to this date, however, the name was in use and had quite another significance as applied to a group of young adventurers who left Galesburg, Ill., in the spring of 1849 for the California gold fields.

Later, in the region now included in Death Valley National Monument, these gold-seekers were for a while traveling companions of Lewis Manley. The expedition but for his courage would have perished in the desert. Indiscriminately all those who attempted the journey in 1849 were called for years afterward "Jayhawkers."

However, the men and women whom Manley brought out to safety never belonged to the Jayhawkers, nor did the Jayhawkers themselves suffer such hardships as they endured. It is to this later group that the region owes its name—Death Valley.

Women Top Film Editors

One more proof that women have as much sense as men, if not more, as is probably the case, is seen in the fact that top film editors at Paramount, Twentieth Century-Fox, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Columbia and Cecil B. Mille plants are all feminine. The reason for this is that a woman may have not only the same accurate idea of dramatic values as a man, but, in addition, a more emotional nature. This is invaluable in building up the sentimental side of the picture.

As soon as the photography on a new picture is completed, the miles of celluloid are turned over to the film editor. The latter is necessarily one who has a wide knowledge of drama, literature, music and comedy, a feeling for rhythm and a sense of entertainment values. So the film editor takes the celluloid and cuts it down to the proper length. He must decide how much of each scene is to go into the finished picture and also the proper sequence of scenes. It is he who glues the pieces together into the play's final form.

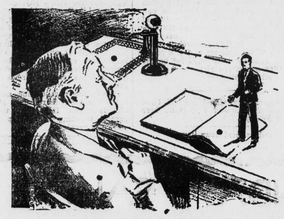
A lot of the success of any release depends upon the film editor, and women are more than holding their own in that difficult field.

Salary for Wives?

The demand for adequate remuneration for wives has been made often, and has always met with contempt—especially from husbands. Perhaps at first glance it does seem illogical to ask for more money for women who already have too much. But, apart from the vague idea of "personal freedom," it is the idea of self-earned money which fascinates women.

Why not? This country has made money its yardstick of personal worth, and why should wives be the only people excluded from trying to measure their value by it? A woman should be paid by her husband in proportion to her competence, and to the amount of work and responsibility she assumes. In most cases 25 per cent of her husband's income would be fair.

This arrangement would offer a fair chance to all those misunderstood women who feel that early marriage and lack of self-expression have denied them business careers. It would also give them a chance to decide how much they wanted to pay for their own laziness, or their desire for excessive entertainment. They would certainly not be forced to do work for which they genuinely had no talent.



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Liberty Chapel News Letter

Liberty Chapel, Oct. 8.- With October comes the gay colored leaves of the frosts, and the hurry and the bustle of farmers and all who are interested in saving the late crops and vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walz, who have been spending the summer with relatives in this county, Washington, D. C., and Fredericksburg, left Monday for St. Petersburg, Florida, where they reside. They were accompanied home by Miss Julia Oliver, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinston Thornhill spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. George Booker.

Miss Julia Williamson, of Jacksonville, Ill., who is director of Physical education for deaf girls for the V. S. D. B., spent the week-end with Miss Alfra Garrette. In the summer of 1938, Miss Williamson made a successful balloon ascension of about 2,000 feet, and descended by parachute, landing on her uncle's premises, who was not aware that she was attempting this feat, winning for her country-wide publicity.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinston Thornhill and daughter, Ida Lee, and Lee Thornhill, motored to Lynchburg on Saturday afternoon, where they visited John Merginson, who has been in a hospital for several weeks, suffering from severe burns. He is slowly improving.

Twenty members of the V.S.D.B. football team, with their coach, T.C. Lewellyn, professor A.L.Riddle, and superintendent Joseph E. Healy, were entertained with a buffet luncheon in the home of Mrs.

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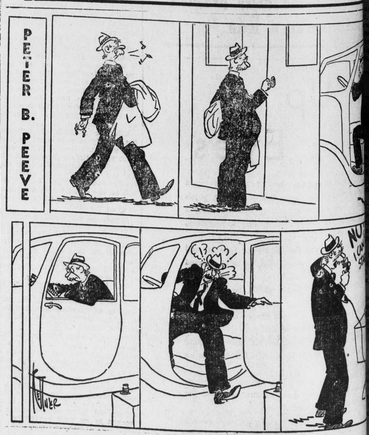

Rocks Events

Rocks, Oct. 9.- Rev. C.A.Collins preached a splendid sermon at Rocks church Sunday night. A goodly number was out to hear him.

Mrs. J. A. Garrett is suffering with her foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Garlingthouse, of Pamplin, and Miss Dorothy Garlingthouse, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Redd, of Moherrin.

Quite a number of the young folk attended the fair in Farmville Saturday night.

Cla borne Inge went with the F.F.A. boys to Richmond recently.

Mrs. D R Inge and sons, Richard and Claiborne spent the past week-end in Roanoke visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gene Richardson.

Mollie S. Garrette Friday evening.

Marshall Garrette returned to V. S. D. B. Sunday afternoon after spending the week-end at home.

Mrs. E.R Hammersley, of Gladstone visited friends in this community Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Garrette, of Concord spent Sunday with his home people.

Rev. and Mrs. T. E. Johnson were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs E. K. Martin Sunday.

Hixburg Personal Items Reported

Hixburg, Oct. 8.- Rev. R. E. Redding filled his regular appointment here Sunday morning.

Mrs. N. S. Topping is spending a few days in Lexington with Mr. and Mrs. Dabney Swan and children.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mrs. C. B Carson and son called to see Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Friday afternoon.

Mrs. W. M. Ervin and Jim Ervin visited in the home of Mrs. Pearl Marshall Wednesday P. M. Mrs. "Ervn and Jim left Thursday for their home in Mc. Ulla, N.C., after spending several days with relatives here.

Mrs. E. W. Gilliam was a business victor in Pamplin on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson Hix and Mrs. J.T. Hix called on Mrs. T M Roberts Thursday P.M. Mrs. Roberts does not improve.

P. H. McPhillips wents to see H. C. Wheeler Wednesday night.

Miss Kirty Carson spent the week end with Miss Emma Kate Harvey, at Pamplin.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall and son, W. D. Hix and Jim Ervin were business visitors in Lynchburg Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Charles Calhoun, of Roanoke is recovering from an attack of pneumonia, following a recent operation.

A good many people from the neighborhood attended the fivs county fair in Farmville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rogers visited relatives in the neighborhood on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hix and family and Mrs. J. T. Hix and daughters visited A. R. Harwood and family at Appomattox Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Zimmerman, of London, England, has been a recent visitor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. D. Ford.

Astronomers Do 'Looking' With Camera, Says Doctor

This is going to break the hearts of all the amateur astronomers who ever dreamed of glueing an eye to the largest telescope in the world and ferreting out comets, stars, suns and nebulae without number.

For it seems the scholarly gentlemen who work around the Mount Wilson, Calif., telescope, whose 100-inch mirror is tops at present, turn knobs and twist screws and fiddle with gadgets—but practically never look through their huge instrument.

That is the disillusioning word Dr. Paul W. Merrill, member of the Mount Wilson observatory research staff, brings to the 1940 conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, held at the University of Washington.

"We don't spend any more time looking at the stars than the chemist does looking at the bottles on his shelf," the astronomer said. "In fact, the visitors to the observatory do more looking than we do."

The observatory staff, Dr. Merrill explained, does most of its "looking" with the aid of cameras, because better work can be done and because the film can "see" farther into space than a human eye.

To tell the truth the observatory isn't more than passingly interested in discovering new stars. They have enough trouble trying to find out about the ones they have now. At the Mount Wilson station alone, more than 30,000 spectrograms of stars have been made with cameras.

Light from a single star is passed through a prism to make a spectrogram, Dr. Merrill explained.

And, once a spectrogram has been made, the observers have a star by the tall, Dr. Merrill explained. By studying the film, they know the chemical makeup of the star, its direction and speed.

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Colored Dots

The fourth anniversary service of the Promiseland Baptist church choir came to a successful close last Wednesday evening before a large audience. The program during the week was a great success.

The general public is invited to attend the bus excursion to Yorktown, Va., on this Sunday. The bus will leave the First Baptist church at 8 A.M.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Gallilee Baptist church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Yates, preached a very helpful sermon. The church choir rendered all new music. Reverends Nelson Jordan and Lawrence Scruggs assisted in the service.

The annual fall rally will be conducted at the Gallilee Baptist church on the third Sunday in November, with a literary program under the auspices of the Sunday School.

The first monthly meeting of the Sunday teachers' association was held at the Carver high school last Friday evening, with a large per cent of the members present. The teachers adopted a large program of work. The teachers are called upon to raise $14.50 each during this year.

All members of the Gallilee Baptist church are asked to attend a special call meeting of the church on Saturday night before the third Sunday in this month. Special business of interest to all members will be discussed.

Mrs. William Dillard spent Sunday in Evergreen with friends.

The community of Spout Spring was saddened this morning by the sudden death of Thomas A. Doss.

Walter Flood is improving after suffering a broken ankle last Saturday.

Mesdames Norman Dillard and Douglass Brown and Herman Dillard spent Sunday in Phenix and Charlotte Court House.

Mrs. Florence Brantely entertained the Medernistic Club at Camp Winonah on Friday, October 4th. A large crowd attended.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Patrick Statham, of the Vera community.

SPORTS ENSEMBLE

This smart new casual sports ensemble is made of caramel beige wool, with umbrella gored skirt and hooded jacket. The jacket and hood are lined with soft plaid wool in shades of beige, green and red.

Spout Spring Events

Spout Spring, Oct. 9.- Mrs. Andrew Collins, of New York, is visiting relatives at Spout Spring and Appomattox.

Miss Annie Marcia, of Richmond spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. Lizzie Cumby, of West Virginia, and Mrs. Annie Sisk, of Appomatox, visited their aunt, Mrs. L. A. Martin on Monday.

A family reunion was held Sunday at the Spencer home near Spout Spring.

Davis Smith, of Lynchburg is planning to build near the site of the old Spout Spring male academy, which was burned a few weeks ago.

Mr. Sidney Holt, of Rustburg, visited friends here one day this week.

The Womans Missionary Society of Salem church met Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. E. Dickerson. The pastor, Rev. A. K. Lambdin, was present and organized the new society, which is known as the Womans' Society of Christian Service. The following officers were elected for the new society: president, Mrs. W. E. Dickerson; vice-president, Mrs. H. B Martin; secretary and treasurer, Miss Nann Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Johnston and sons attended the football game at Appomattox Friday, between the V.S.D.B. team of Staunton, and Appomattox.

Miss Alice Robertson spent the week-end with her brother in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Robertson were among the visitors in the home of Virgil Robertson, in Farmville on Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Robertson, of Naruna, spent the week-end at her home here.

The reckless driver is not the wreckless one.

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Benjamin Franklin Not So Honest, Says Teacher

Prof. Thomas P. Abernethy, in one of his volumes dealing with technical topics explodes a belief that men like Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, Robert Morris and George Washington were as honest as we would like to believe they were.

These men had deep interest in the financial returns they expected to earn from speculations in western lands. Washington, he states, was the "Peer Gynt" of that period. Morris often used his official position to further advance his private interest, he points out. "The idea that Morris financed the Revolution out of his own pocket is purely mythological," Professor Abernethy writes.

In dealing with the versatile Benjamin Franklin, the professor is distinctly an iconoclast. First of all he indicates the early interests of Franklin in the ill-fated land companies of that day. Franklin established a close relationship with Silas Dean, an active intriguer and also employed as his secretary, Dr. Edward Bancroft, one of his associates in the land promotion schemes. Dr. Bancroft was known at that time to be active as a British spy.

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:30.

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